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Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, today announced the establishment of a fishery educational section.

This will extend to the fishing industry knowledge of new and improved technical processes as developed in the Fish and Wildlife Service research laboratories. It will work closely with the fishing industry in the production of educational motion pictures, training film strips, educational leaflets, fishery manuals, and other graphic material. Field demonstrators will instruct fish tradesmen in the proper handling of fishery products, and consumer groups, home economists, food editors, and others in fish cookery methods.

The new section will cooperate with vocational schools and other educational institutions in establishing commercial fishery courses for training students in fishery technology. Since facilities for this type of training are now very limited throughout the United States, expansion in this direction is an important phase of the program, Mr. Day stated.

Richard T. Whiteleather will organize the staff and head the Educational Section which will have its central office in Washington. Mr. Whiteleather has had a wide experience in the work of the Service, and comes to his present assignment from New York City where he headed the Commercial Fishery Division office.

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